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REIMBURSEMENT OF HOSPITALIZATION EXPENSES FOR
ILLNESS OR INJURY INCURRED WHILE LOCATED ABROAD

- Rescissions: (1) CFR 10.0 dated 26 November 1951
(2) CFR 14.2k dated 10 August 1951
(3) CFR 14.3k dated 10 August 1951
(4) Paragraphs A, B, C(2)(a) and (c), D, E, F, and G of CIA
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1. GENERAL

This Regulation states Agency policy, benefits, authorities and responsibilities for the reimbursement of expenses for the hospitalization or similar medical treatment, of employees and their dependents located abroad. The benefits listed under paragraph 4 of this Regulation are complementary to those available under the Federal Employees' Compensation Act (FECA), Public Law 267, 64th Congress, as amended, and to those available under Section 5(a)(5)(A) and 5(a)(5)(C) of the Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949, Public Law 110, 81st Congress.

2. POLICY

It is the policy of the Agency, in accordance with the provisions of this Regulation, to reimburse an employee for the expenses of hospitalization or similar treatment for himself or a dependent whenever the illness or injury concerned is incurred or materially aggravated while located abroad. Expenses of hospitalization

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or similar treatment in this sense includes any expenses for travel in connection therewith.

3. DEFINITIONS

a. Hospitalization

As used herein, "hospitalization" means admission as an in-patient to an institution established for the treatment of the ill or injured.

b. Similar Medical Treatment

As used herein, "similar medical treatment" means treatment such as normally would be received in a hospital.

c. Dependent

As used herein, "dependent" means a person who is located abroad by virtue of being considered a "dependent" within the meaning of the Agency travel regulations.

d. Located Abroad

As used herein, "located abroad" means located outside the continental United States.

e. Operating Officials

Operating Officials include: Chiefs of Senior Staffs and Operating Divisions under jurisdiction of the Deputy Director (Plans), Assistant Directors under jurisdiction of the Deputy Director (Intelligence), and Chiefs of Staff, the Comptroller, the General Counsel, and Director of Offices under the jurisdiction of the Deputy Director (Support).

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4. BENEFITS

a. Conditions for Eligibility

- (1) The illness or injury must require hospitalization or similar medical treatment in accordance with standards generally observed for admission to a hospital in the United States as an in-patient.
- (2) The illness or injury must have been incurred or materially aggravated while located abroad.
- (3) The illness or injury must not have been the result of vicious habits, intemperance, misconduct, negligence on the part of the patient, or the result of taking an unwarranted risk.

b. Hospitalization

- (1) Except in an emergency wherein a delay of more than forty-eight (48) hours would endanger the health of the patient, prior approval by the Chief, Medical Staff, will be required for hospitalization. Request for such approval will include the following information:
 - (a) Identity of the patient;
 - (b) Identity of the physician;
 - (c) Facility to be used;
 - (d) Presumptive diagnosis;
 - (e) Treatment proposed.

This information will be forwarded as soon as possible in all cases, even though emergency treatment has already been initiated.

- (2) Whenever it is not feasible or possible to hospitalize the patient for an illness or injury that would otherwise require hospitalization, the

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costs of medical treatment in lieu of hospitalization may be reimbursable.

- (3) Hospitalization following return from overseas assignment may be approved by the Chief, Medical Staff, provided this is for the treatment of an illness or injury that was incurred while located abroad.
- (4) Whenever possible, U. S. Government facilities must be used for hospitalization.

c. Medical Travel

- (1) Whenever the injury or illness requiring hospitalization is incurred in a locality where no suitable hospital or facility for treatment in lieu of hospitalization exists, payment of travel expenses to the nearest adequate facility, and on recovery travel expenses of return to duty station, may be authorized. Except in the case of an emergency, prior approval from the Chief, Medical Staff, is necessary for such travel.
- (2) In the event the patient is too ill to travel unattended, the round-trip travel expenses of an attendant may be authorized.

d. Payment Limitations for Dependents

In the case of a dependent, the Agency may pay for that portion of the cost of hospitalization or similar medical treatment that exceeds \$35, up to a maximum limitation of one hundred and twenty (120) days for each illness or injury. This maximum limitation shall not apply, however, whenever the Chief, Medical Staff, determines that such illness or injury clearly is caused by the fact that the dependent is or has been located abroad.

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e. Exclusions

Over and above those exclusions implied in paragraph a above, the Agency will not pay for the costs of treatment for the following:

- (1) Normal pregnancy;
- (2) Elective correction of conditions that existed prior to overseas assignment;
- (3) Ordinary dental care.

5. AUTHORITIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

a. Employees

Employees who claim benefits under this Regulation are responsible for complying with the necessary procedural requirements and for fulfilling such requests for information and examination as may be necessary.

b. Chiefs of Station

- (1) Chiefs of Station will forward for prior Headquarters approval, as outlined in paragraph 4b above, requests for hospitalization or similar medical treatment for an employee or his dependent.
- (2) Upon receipt of Headquarters approval of the request for hospitalization or similar medical treatment, Chiefs of Station are authorized to advance funds to employees to cover anticipated reimbursements, with the understanding that such reimbursements will depend on adjudication and approval of the claim at Headquarters.
- (3) When circumstances justify the submission of a claim for reimbursement, the Chief of Station will forward to Headquarters the pertinent receipts

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and medical summary. Those records and details that impinge upon the privacy of the patient will be maintained in strict channels of medical confidentiality, being forwarded in sealed envelopes addressed:

"Attention: Chief, Medical Staff". Such medical records will be retained by the Chief, Medical Staff.

- (4) Chiefs of Station will forward for Headquarters approval, as outlined in paragraph 4c above, requests for medical travel.

c. Operating Officials

Upon receipt of the documents or request mentioned in paragraph b above, Operating Officials will, after the appropriate administrative and security preparation, forward them to the Chief, Medical Staff, for approval.

d. Chief, Medical Staff

Upon receipt from an Operating Official of the claim documents, the Chief, Medical Staff, will review the claim for reimbursement to assure that the expenses are directly related to the treatment of the illness or injury, that the treatment is appropriate, and that the costs are not excessive in relation to local prevailing fees for medical services. If he approves the claim, he will:

- (1) Forward to the Director of Personnel those claims which in the opinion of the Chief, Medical Staff, should be submitted to the Bureau of Employees' Compensation as a claim under the Federal Employees' Compensation Act.

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- (2) Forward to the Comptroller all other claims which are approved for reimbursement.

If he disapproves the claim he will return the documents to the appropriate Operating Official.

e. Comptroller

Upon receipt from the Chief, Medical Staff, of an approved claim for reimbursement, the Comptroller will credit the appropriate amount to the employee's account in liquidation of the original advance by the Chief of Station.

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